

**Descriptions from PSP 1999 Proposal 99-A105 for Tasks 4 through 7 that were not awarded.**

**Task 4, Environmental Documentation**

Environmental documentation will be prepared as a part of the alternative screening process. The environmental document will meet the requirements of CEQA and NEPA and address the impacts and benefits of each alternative developed in the preliminary design task. It is recommended that only those alternatives that survive the screening process be analyzed in detail, while limiting the discussion of other potential alternatives to a section summarizing reasons for their dismissal. Given the potentially significant impacts associated with some of the probable alternatives and concerns with recreational and socioeconomic effects associated with Lake Red Bluff, it is assumed that the appropriate document will be a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/EIR). Where significant potential impacts are identified, appropriate mitigation measures will be identified. Activities are expected to include:

- Public scoping
- Prepare administrative draft document, coordinating closely with pre-design effort
- Prepare public draft document
- Respond to public comments/prepare final document
- Prepare findings/decision documents

Task 4 will provide (1) a detailed analysis of the relative merits and disadvantages of the preferred alternative and other project alternatives; (2) a formal mechanism for disseminating public information about the project and for public participation in the decision making process; and (3) a Record of Decision in which the lead agencies formally identify and endorse the preferred alternative or another alternative and its impact mitigation measures to be carried forward. Once the Record of Decision is adopted, final design can be initiated and permit acquisition activities can be finalized. It is anticipated that either Reclamation or the USFWS will be the lead agency under NEPA and that the TCCA will be the lead agency under CEQA. Deliverables: Administrative, public, and final EIS/EIR.

**Task 5, Permit Initiation**

Once the preferred alternative has been selected, permitting efforts will be initiated with the appropriate agencies. Permits and approvals may be required by the following agencies:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (404/Section 10 Permit)
- CDFG (Streambed Alteration Agreement/CESA compliance)
- NMFS (ESA compliance)
- USFWS (ESA compliance)
- State Lands Commission (Lease Across State Submerged Lands)
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (Waste Discharge Requirements/Stormwater)
- State Reclamation Board (Encroachment Permit)
- City of Red Bluff and Tehama County (conditional use permit)

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- Federal Emergency Management Agency (Letter of Map Revision – floodplain encroachment)

It is anticipated that this task will include 5 to 10 coordination meetings with agency personnel. This task will also overlap with ongoing efforts in Phase I, which are focused on preliminary contacts with all agencies listed above and identifying key contacts and processing timeframes. Deliverables: Permit application documentation.

#### **Task 6, Implementation Plan Refinement**

An implementation plan will be developed for the preferred alternative. The preliminary implementation plan developed in Phase I will serve as the starting point for the plan. The implementation plan will include potential financing mechanisms, an implementation schedule, permitting information and responsibilities, and the project monitoring and data evaluation plan. Deliverable: Project Implementation Plan.

#### **Task 7, Project Management**

The project management task includes developing project instructions, work plan, schedule, staff resource plan, and budgets; monitoring the schedule, expenditures, and work progress; invoicing for work completed; project status reports; and ongoing communications with participating agencies.

#### **The following statement was included in the Proposal:**

The NEPA/CEQA process, Task 4, may be deferred to a subsequent funding cycle, but this will delay implementation of the solution. Without this solution, the benefits of other current or future restoration activities in the Sacramento River/Delta cannot be maximized.

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